LIBRARY
15 DEC 1956
STATE LEGISLATURE, MADRAS

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 13th August 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Ownership of Kachcha tivu in Palk Straits

* 61 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication recently from the Union Government regarding the ownership of Kachcha tivu in Palk Straits; and

(*b*) if so, the reply given by the State Government to the Union Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A reply has been sent to the Union Government furnishing the particulars required by them, but which cannot for obvious reasons be divulged at present.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know, Sir, whether, before sending the report to the Central Government, any investigation was made, and how that Kachcha tivu was handed over to the Ceylon Government? May I further know, Sir, whether the Government wrote to the Central Government to restore that island to our country?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. All the facts were enquired into, and a report has been submitted to the Union Government. I do not think the assumption of the hon. Member that this *tivu* was handed over to the Ceylon Government is correct.

Snakes in Gingee sub-jail

* 62 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any reports in 1954 and 1955 that snakes frequent the sub-jail at Gingee; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to prevent the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.